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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6417**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 94

**NOTE PREPARED:** Mar 8, 2006

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Lake Management Work Group.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Meeks

**BILL STATUS:** Enrolled

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Dodge

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Lake Management Work Group to study issues concerning public freshwater lakes.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2006.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill re-establishes the Lake Management Work Group, which expired on July 1, 2002. The work group had been in operation since 1997. The work group would consist of 26 members: 4 members of the General Assembly; 4 state employees; 2 federal employees; and 16 lay members.

The work group must issue an interim and a final report and develop and maintain an Internet website. Both the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Department of Environmental Management have web sites related to water resources. The DNR websites contain information about the work group and the final report of the work group. The bill's provision that requires the work group to develop and maintain a web site should have a minimal fiscal impact because the costs associated with maintaining a web site could be covered given the agencies' existing level of resources. (Three representatives from the DNR serve on the work group.) Printing costs could decrease if reports are obtained on-line.

The bill also provides that the work group may not meet more than three times each year and provides that the group will expire on July 1, 2008.

Members of the group who are not members of the General Assembly are entitled to reimbursement for

traveling expenses and other expenses incurred in connection with the group. Members who are members of the General Assembly are entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to legislative members of interim study committees. Reimbursements and per diem for legislative members must be paid from appropriations made to the Legislative Council or the Legislative Services Agency (LSA).

The DNR must staff the work group and may contract with a facilitator. Per diem, mileage, travel allowances, and other expenses for non-legislative members must be paid from appropriations made to the DNR. It is presumed that administrative costs associated with these provisions can be covered by existing DNR resources and staff.

Total state expenses are estimated at less than \$10,000.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The work group must facilitate collaborative efforts among affected local units in cooperation with lake residents and related organizations. The group must review, update, and coordinate the implementation of recommendations by communicating with the public and other governmental entities. These provisions could reduce local expenditures to the extent that collaborative efforts reduce costs and to the extent that the group would cover some expenses associated with notifying the public. The impact is indeterminable.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** DNR; Legislative Council, IDEM, LSA.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local governmental entities concerned with lake resources.

**Information Sources:** DNR; [http://www.in.gov/indianalakes/report/final\\_report.PDF](http://www.in.gov/indianalakes/report/final_report.PDF),  
<http://www.in.gov/indianalakes/report>

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